

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 713

By Yokley

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Billy Williams for his many years of service to the Northeast Tennessee Association of REALTORS.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Billy Williams, who has been recognized for his years of service to the real estate industry with the National Association of REALTORS REALTOR Emeritus Award and induction into the Northeast Tennessee Association of REALTORS (NETAR) Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the REALTOR Emeritus Award is given only to those REALTORS with forty or more years of cumulative membership in one or more REALTOR Associations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams, currently associated with Century 21 Hometeam Real Estate in Greeneville, was inducted into the NETAR Hall of Fame on February 8, 2007, a fitting recognition for his dedication to the highest tenets and principles of the real estate industry throughout his career, a career which has spanned nearly five decades; and

WHEREAS, Billy Williams embarked on his storied real estate career in 1960; he later opened a firm in 1976, which was franchised in 1978 and remained so until 2001; and

WHEREAS, his impact on the real estate industry in northeast Tennessee has been impressive; he helped establish Greeneville MLS in 1983, played a fundamental role in the establishment of the Northeast Tennessee Association of REALTORS in 1995, and has served a central role in the NETAR RPAC Committee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with NETAR, Mr. Williams has also dedicated his valuable time and energies to the National Association of REALTORS and the Tennessee

Association of REALTORS (TAR), for which he currently stands as Director and to which he has lent his efforts as a member of various TAR committees; as the 1980 Region 6 Vice President, 1981 President Elect, and 1982 President; and as the Master of Ceremonies as the 2006 TAR Installation in San Antonio, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Billy Williams epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Billy Williams for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Billy Williams for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, applaud his reception of the REALTOR Emeritus Award and his induction into the Northeast Tennessee Association of REALTORS Hall of Fame, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.